

IN THE CLAIMS

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6. (original) A drilling tool, comprising:
a first end adapted for attachment to a drill string;
a second end, opposite said first end, containing at least one
carbide component, said carbide component comprising
a body portion comprising carbide, said body portion having
a first end adapted for being seated in said drilling tool
and a second, working, end;
wherein said second end of said carbide component has an
outer layer which is attached to said body without a
transition layer or adherent material and which contains
an ultra-hard material.
7. (original) The bit of Claim 6, wherein said carbide component
has a binder content of less than 13%.
8. (original) The bit of Claim 6, wherein said carbide component
has a binder content of less than 11%.
9. (original) The bit of Claim 6, wherein said carbide component
is a hemispherical insert.
10. (original) The bit of Claim 6, wherein said ultra-hard material
is bare diamonds.
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